

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:396  
ANSWERED ON:23.08.2005  
COMPACT REVOLUTIONARY ZONE  
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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether naxalites in the country have carved out a Compact Revolutionary Zone (CRZ) spreading from Bihar upto Nepal border and Dandakaranya region;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has made any assessment with regard to the strength of hard-core underground cadres, weapons and unlicensed country made arms;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to deal with the naxalites in the country?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a)to(e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 396 FOR ANSWER ON 23.8.2005 REGARDING COMPACT REVOLUTIONARY ZONE.

(a) & (b): No, Sir. However, available reports indicate that naxalite outfits have been making attempts to carve out a 'Compact Revolutionary Zone' (CRZ) spreading from Nepal border through Bihar and the Dandakaranya region to Andhra Pradesh.

(c) & (d): As per available information, the present strength of hardcore underground cadres in the naxalite affected areas is around 9300. Their arms holding includes around 6300 regular weapons and a large number of country-made arms.

(e): The Central Government has adopted a multi-pronged strategy to tackle the problem of naxalism which includes (i) having a peace dialogue by the affected States, wherever feasible, with naxal groups willing to abjure violence, (ii) modernization and strengthening of the State Police forces (iii) long term deployment of Para Military forces (iv) intensified intelligence based well-coordinated operations against naxalite leaders, cadres and their infrastructure, (v) focused attention on integrated development of the affected areas and (vi) gearing up of public grievances redressal system and creation of Local Resistance Groups.